



JOINT MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Working Group Strategy and Activity Prioritization

Priority Identification & Considerations for Prioritization

Categories of Strategy Phasing

Phase One

- Mission Critical Projects / Core Programs – highest priority strategies critical to meet the goal of the action plan **and/or**
- “First Step” Projects or Programs – those that must be accomplished first to maintain a logical sequence prior to proceeding with other actions in the plan

Phase Two

- Projects/Programs, important and necessary (but not necessarily “critical”), for a complete Sanctuary Management Program to accomplish goal in action plan **and/or**
- “Second Step” Projects – Sequenced Projects/Programs to be pursued in a sequence following projects or programs identified in Phase One.

Phase Three and Opportunistic Projects

- Opportunistic Projects / Programs to be initiated as funding or resources become available

Considerations for Setting Strategic Priorities

Conservation

- Contributes to protection of significant living and nonliving resources
- Contributes to maintaining restoring, or enhancing living resources
- Contributes to protecting vital habitats, biological diversity, and/or ecosystem function.
- Contributes to maintenance of ecologically or commercially important or threatened species or species assemblages

Socioeconomic

- Allows for multiple use consistent with resource protection
- Capable of stakeholder acceptance
- Allows for continued regional economic viability.

Institutional Feasibility

- Can MBNMS do this given current or reasonably obtainable resources?
- Is this within the realm of MBNMS authority, mandate and expertise?
- Can MBNMS do this with key partners?